

M.R. 3140

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Order entered October 5, 2006.

(Deleted material is struck through and new material is underscored.)

Supreme Court Rule 796 is amended, effective immediately, as follows:

Amended Rule 796

Rule 796. Enforcement of MCLE Requirements

(a) Reporting Compliance

(1) On or before the first day of the month preceding the end of an attorney's Basic Skills Course requirement reporting period or two-year reporting period, the Director shall mail the attorney, at the most recent address the attorney has provided to the ARDC pursuant to Rule 756(c), a certification, to be completed by the attorney, stating whether, with respect to that reporting period, the attorney either has complied with these Rules, has not complied with these Rules, or is exempt from these Rules. A certification need not be sent to an attorney known by the Director to be exempt from these Rules.

(2) Every Illinois attorney who is either subject to these Rules or who receives an MCLE certification shall complete, sign and submit the certification to the Board within 31 days after the end of the attorney's reporting period, ~~i.e., no later than July 31~~. It is the responsibility of each attorney on the master roll to notify the ARDC of any change of address. Failure to receive an MCLE certification shall not constitute an excuse for failure to file the certification.

(b) Failure to Report Compliance

Attorneys who fail to submit an MCLE certification within 45 days of their reporting date, or who file a certification stating that they have not complied with these Rules during the reporting period, shall be notified by the Director of their noncompliance, ~~and given until September 30 of that year~~ Attorneys shall be given 61 additional days from the original certification due date provided in Rule 796(a)(2) to achieve compliance and file a certification stating that they have complied with these Rules or are exempt. The Director shall not send a notice of noncompliance to attorneys whom the Director knows are exempt from these Rules.

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Adopted September 29, 2005, effective immediately; amended October 5, 2006, effective immediately.